

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth Melton of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were saddened to learn of the passing of Kenneth Melton, a faithful servant of Blount County and his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton owned and operated his own business, but he was best known for his generous support of numerous charities, his devotion to his friends and family, and, most of all, his exemplary service as a member of the Blount County Commission; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 1998, Mr. Melton served five terms and twenty years on the Blount County Commission, representing its Tenth District; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in office, Mr. Melton served on numerous committees, including Agenda, Budget, Courthouse Space Allocation, Financial Management, Intergovernmental Relations, Investment, and Public Services; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership as the chair of the Blount County Commission and its Education Committee and was a valuable member of the Animal Center Advisory Board, Beer Board, Cable Television Authority, Planning Commission, and Purchasing Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melton wisely supported measures that resulted in a more stable financial status for the county and a low property tax rate for its citizens; he was instrumental in the implementation of a new animal control program and the construction of a new facility therefor; and

WHEREAS, long a stalwart advocate for education, Mr. Melton supported the construction of Union Grove, Prospect, and Carpenters elementary schools and Carpenters and

Union Grove middle schools and the renovation of the William Blount Ninth Grade Academy;
and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Melton gave selflessly of himself to help make his beloved Blount County an even better place to live and work, and his many accomplishments should be memorialized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kenneth Melton, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions to good government and civic life in Blount County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and extend our condolences to Mr. Melton's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.